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1. Two weeks ago a high ranking Intelligence Officer submitted an important report to Minister of Public Order Napoleon Zervas and a man named Mikolopoulos criticizing present gendarmerie operations. The report stated that the gendarmerie should not have been divided into battalions and sent against the rebel bands, but rather should have been employed strictly for police and intelligence functions aimed at neutralizing the secret and illegal aspects of KKK operations.
2. The report was not favorably received by Zervas who has been using the gendarmerie in operations to gain political publicity and prestige. The Greek Army General Staff agrees with the report and it is reported that this difference is behind the schism existing between Zervas and the Army.
3. The report was made following an exhaustive study showing a definite increase in rebel strength probably brought about by forced recruiting. The writer of the report is convinced that a very sizeable increase -- 50,000 men -- in the Army must be made or the rebels will not be defeated. Army figures announced publicly on rebel losses and Army gains are padded for political purposes, according to the report.
4. The report gives figures for the Peloponnesus as 1,000 rebels in effective control of the large areas, 2,000 gendarmes organized in battalion array to fight the rebels, 1,000 gendarmes exercising regular policing and intelligence functions and the 616th Army Battalion at Tripolis with two of its companies at Leonidion in Lakonia.

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